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MEMORANDUM FOR: The Honorable Zbigniew Brzezinski
Assistant to the President for
National Security Affairs

SUBJECT: PRC Meeting on "Twenty Questions"

Whenever we do have a PRC on the "Twenty Questions," I strongly recommend that it be principals only plus Bob Bowie. It seems to me the objective is to get at what is on the mind of the principal decision makers so that we can receive guidance from them as to how to establish the three thousand-some detailed priorities that must flow from the PRC's overall guidance. I believe that having a large number of people in the room will only inhibit the kind of frank interchange among principals that we need in order to accomplish this objective.



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Edwin A. Locke, Jr., President

October 26, 1977

Admiral Stansfield Turner, USN
Director
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, D.C. 20505

Dear Admiral Turner,

In an effort to determine what may be the particular areas of interest of your audience at the December 7th dinner, I have asked our members to suggest questions they would like to see covered in your speech or in the question period afterward.

There has been a good response, and I have listed some representative questions on the attached sheet. As you can see, the emphasis is more on the CIA's secrecy problems rather than on the economic prospects of the Communist world which I believe will be the main topic of your speech. However, without meaning to infringe in any way on your complete freedom of choice, I feel your comments on the Communist economies might be an example of more openness bringing more information to more people without compromising your sources of intelligence.

Be all this as it may, we are looking forward tremendously to having you with us on December 7th. If any more interesting questions come in from our members, I shall send them right along to you.

Most sincerely,

E. A. Locke, Jr.

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Attachment

1. Compared with the U.S.A., describe the way intelligence gathering is organized in and out of the military in major Western countries. Are these units controlled by the executive and legislative components of government?
2. What changes have taken place in the last 30 years as to purpose for and methods of obtaining intelligence information for interpretation by various agencies?
3. Under the present U.S. atmosphere of "disclose everything", including details of CIA expenditures, can we hope for an effective CIA? Are we just wasting money?
4. To what extent does the country need, or can it afford, to duplicate intelligence activities as a form of "checks and balances"?
5. To what extent have the pressures on our intelligence services impaired their abilities to find out what our government ought to know?
6. Why should we disclose our efforts? Is this brilliant or smart?
7. How does the CIA propose to operate in the future so that its secret and confidential operations can be conducted with approval by a body of directors that are credible to the Senate?
8. How much secrecy is necessary for the intelligence system of a free society and how can this be protected?
9. Will you comment on what kind and extent of limitations on openness are proper and how it's going to be sold in newspapers?
10. In dealing with armaments vs. consumption, are the Soviets currently placing more of their yearly increases in production into armaments than 5 or 10 years ago?
11. Can the Soviets continue to build and expand their Navy operations at a higher rate than we can?
12. What is the significance for the economics (and populations) of Warsaw Pact nations of their relatively heavy burden of military expenditures in recent years?
13. As the Soviets and the Chinese seek to penetrate the Third World, are the foreign economic aid ventures a significant drain on either the Soviet or the Chinese economy?

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